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SITUATION AS OF 0700 EDT, 04/09/94

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• (LOU) The first convoy of Americans departed Kigali at 0650 EDT with about 75 Americans in 20-30 vehicles.

Two Rwandan escorts with rifles accompany the group.

Embassy Kigali had advised Americans at 0501 EDT to proceed to consolidation areas. Two more convoys are expected to depart later today. (Task Force/Embassy Kigali telcons)

• (LOU) Gunfire on Kigali's main road prevented Ambassador Rawson from reaching the Embassy at 0530 EDT. No fire is reported near the consolidation points. The Ambassador returned to his residence. (Task Force/Embassy Kigali telcon)

• (LOU) One thousand French troops may be at the Kigali airport by evening April 9. The French hold the airport, but it is closed by gunfire from the surrounding area. The French have done nothing to counter the fire. Troops are fanning out through Kigali to assist French citizens, some of whom have already moved to the French Embassy. Eight hundred Belgian troops are en route to Kigali. (Task Force/Embassy Nairobi and Embassy Brussels telcons)

• (LOU) Germans and Canadians reportedly successfully traversed the road south from Kigali to Burundi, but the road may be clogged with refugees. (Task Force/Embassy Nairobi telcon)

• (LOU) The Belgians are concerned that U.S. military assets may not be available to evacuate Belgian civilians in light of the American overland departure. Belgian Chief of Staff General Charlier spoke to General Sheehan (J-3) to propose full joint planning and operations, and request a MASH unit for Kigali. These requests are under discussion. (Task Force/Embassy Kigali, Embassy Brussels telcons)

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